

Proposition 1 – The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

Fact Sheet

The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 is a \$7.545 billion general obligation bond measure set for the November 2014 ballot. If approved by voters, the measure would provide funding for new surface and groundwater storage projects, regional water reliability, sustainable groundwater management and cleanup, water recycling, water conservation, watershed protection and safe drinking water, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

Proposition 1 is the product of more than five years of discussions and negotiations among state lawmakers, stakeholders and others to craft a responsible bond measure to fund needed investments as part of a statewide comprehensive water plan for California. The measure was approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on Aug. 13.

Supported by a broad coalition of water, business, conservation, labor and agriculture organizations, the \$7.545 billion bond replaces an \$11.14 billion measure previously slated for the November ballot.

Key Funding Areas

Surface and Groundwater Storage - \$2.7 billion

- Continuous appropriation for above-and below-ground water storage projects.

Regional Water Reliability - \$810 million

- Integrated regional water management: \$510 million.
- Stormwater capture: \$200 million.
- Water conservation: \$100 million.

Safe Drinking Water - \$520 million

- Leverages federal funds for safe drinking water and clean water programs and for disadvantaged communities.
- Small Community Wastewater Program: \$260 million.
- Drinking Water Public Infrastructure: \$260 million.

Water Recycling - \$725 million

- Statewide water recycling projects and activities.

Groundwater Sustainability - \$900 million

- Prevent and reduce groundwater contaminants: \$800 million.
- Provide sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation: \$100 million.

Watershed Protection, Ecosystem Restoration, State Settlements - \$1.495 billion

- Conservancies: \$327.5 million.
- Wildlife Conservation Board: \$200 million (restoration of flows).
- Department of Fish and Wildlife: \$285 million (out of Delta, no mitigation on BDCP).
- Department of Fish and Wildlife: \$87.5 million (in-Delta with constraints).
- State settlement obligations including CVPIA: \$475 million.
- Rivers and Creeks: \$120 million.

Statewide Flood Management - \$395 million

- Statewide flood management projects and activities: \$100 million.
- For Delta levee subvention programs and Delta flood protection projects: \$295 million.

General Provisions

- Funding eligibility requires urban or agricultural water management plans and compliance with 2009 Water Conservation Act.
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan neutral.
- Protects existing water rights and reaffirms area of origin protections.